Crescent Hill Newsletter

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LG&E to Trim Neighborhood Trees

Louisville Gas & Electric is beginning a major tree trimming project in Crescent Hill, just as a task force established by Mayor Abramson is attempting to develop a master plan for the city's urban forest. Concern about LG&E's trimming practices was a factor in the creation of the task force.

LG&E forester **Tamra Eifert** says crews under contract with the utility are beginning to work on the west side of Crescent Hill, at Ewing Avenue. They will be proceeding to the east, and all of Crescent Hill will be covered in the next few months. Eifert said LG&E last trimmed trees in Crescent Hill nearly three years ago and trimming under power lines is necessary to prevent hazards and reduce the possibility of power interruptions.

Some critics of LG&E's trimming practices have contended that more frequent trimming would alleviate the need for drastic pruning. LG&E notes that more frequent trimming would be costlier, and that the cost would be passed on to consumers.

Property owners whose trees are to be trimmed by the utility will receive a letter in the mail explaining the plans. A door hanger will be placed on the door of affected properties 2-5 days before the trimming occurs. No permission is obtained for normal trimming. If LG&E intends to remove a tree, the owner's written permission is normally obtained.

For more information, call LG&E forester Tamra Eifert at 627-3208.

Bids to be Let for Library Construction

The new year promises to be a landmark one for the Crescent Hill Library. Architectural plans for a $637,000 renovation and expansion of the branch are in their final stages and the project may be let out for bids as early as this month. If all goes as planned, construction will begin this spring.

The renovation and addition will provide easy access for individuals with disabilities, greater shelf space for books and reference materials, reading and study rooms and a new and expanded childrens' section.

The library will be relocating during the construction. Cottage #8 on the Masonic Home property will be temporarily housing the collection. No date for the move has been established but it is expected to occur this spring.

Meanwhile, the Friends of the Crescent Hill Library are continuing to solicit contributions to be used for equipping the expanded library. **First Ward Alderman Melissa Mershon** has agreed to appropriate public Neighborhood Project Reserve Funds of up to $50,000 to match private donations. A list of items needed and their approximate costs is printed on page 5 of this newsletter. Contributions should be sent to *Louisville Free Public Library, Business Office, 301 W York, Louisville, KY 40203*. Be sure to note that the contribution is **for the CRESCENT HILL BRANCH.**

The library is located at 2762 Frankfort Avenue. It is open from 10 a.m - 8 p.m., Monday - Wednesday, and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday - Saturday.